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In re Application of
Carmo Riberio et al.
Application No. 09/981,414
Filed: October 17, 2001
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed November 26, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is Granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned as a result of petitioner's failure to file an appeal brief (and fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(c)) within the time period provided in 37 CFR 1.192(a). As an appeal brief (and appeal brief fee) was not filed within two (2) months of the Notice of Appeal filed February 6, 2003 and no extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained, the appeal was dismissed and the proceedings as to the rejected claims were terminated. See 37 CFR 1.192(b) & 1.197(c). As no claim was allowed, the above-identified application became abandoned on April 7, 2003. See MPEP 1215.04.

The file does not indicate a change of address has been submitted, although the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. If appropriate, a change of address should be filed in accordance with MPEP 601.03. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition; however, the Office will mail all future correspondence solely to the address of record.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 3745 for processing the Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114 filed with the instant petition.

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